

LINCOLN, ABRAHAM (1809-1865), was one of the truly great men of all time. He preserved the American Union during the Civil War, and proved to the world that democracy can be a lasting form of government. Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, and many of his other speeches and writings, are classic statements of democratic beliefs and goals. In conducting a bitter war, Lincoln never became bitter himself. He showed a nobility of character which continues to grow in world-wide appeal. Lincoln was the first President elected by the Republican party. After his assassination, he was succeeded by Vice-President Andrew Johnson.

The American people knew little about Lincoln when he became President. Nothing in his past experience indicated that he could meet successfully the greatest crisis in the nation's history. He received less than 40 per cent of the popular vote. As President, Lincoln was often a careless, inefficient administrator. At times, he gave way to political pressures which he might better have resisted.

But these failings mattered little when compared with Lincoln's great merits. His outstanding asset was insight. Lincoln realized at the beginning of the Civil War that the Union must be saved. The United States was the only important democracy in the world. Lincoln knew that self-government would be proved a failure if the nation could be destroyed by a minority of its own people. He determined that the nation, and democracy, would not be destroyed.

Lincoln's second great asset was his ability to express his convictions so clearly, and with such force, that millions of his countrymen made them their own. This he did in his first and second inaugural addresses, in his annual messages to Congress, in the Gettysburg Address, and in his letters. Lincoln would have been surprised that some of his speeches came to be honored as great literature. He sought only to be understood, and to convince.

Lincoln's third great source of strength was his iron will. The Civil War had to be carried on until the Union

was restored. At times, people in the North wavered in this purpose. Lincoln never doubted that in the end, right would make might, and the North would triumph. His unyielding faith in victory helped to win victory.

If the Union had not been preserved, the United States would have become two nations. Neither of these nations could have attained the prosperity and importance that the United States has today. Lincoln influenced the course of world history by his leadership of the North during the Civil War. His own life story has perhaps been just as important. He rose from humble origin to the nation's highest office. Millions of persons regard his career as proof that democracy offers all men the best hope of full and free life.

Life in the United States during Lincoln's administration revolved almost entirely around the Civil War. To raise money to fight the war, Congress levied the first income tax in the history of the country. For the first time, federal officeholders had to take an oath of loyalty to the Union. Pioneers flocked to the western frontier, and mining towns sprang up overnight. The government gave free farms to settlers, and set aside land for colleges that later became state universities.

Soldiers and civilians alike sang "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" or "Dixie." Winslow Homer's painting *Prisoners from the Front* brought him his first fame. Patriotic literature included John Greenleaf Whittier's poem "Barbara Frietchie" and Edward Everett Hale's story "The Man Without a Country." Lincoln and thousands of other Americans chuckled at the humorous writings of Artemus Ward.

Early Life

Family Background. Soon after Lincoln was nominated for the presidency, he wrote an autobiography. It began: "Abraham Lincoln was born Feb. 12, 1809, then in Hardin, now in the more recently formed county of Larue, Kentucky. His father, Thomas, & grandfather Abraham, were born in Rockingham county Virginia, whither their ancestors had come from Berks county Pennsylvania. His lineage has been traced no farther back than this."

Since Lincoln's time, his ancestry has been traced to a weaver named Samuel Lincoln who emigrated from

Lincoln's Favorite Photograph served as the model for this painting by Allen Tupper True. The portrait is in the Huntington Library and Art Gallery in San Marino, Calif.

USA Pres. Abraham Lincoln
died 14 Apr 1865 after
being shot at Ford's
Theatre in Washington D.C.
by John Wilkes Booth



PIERCE
14th President
1853 — 1857



BUCHANAN
15th President
1857 — 1861



Mathew Brady, Library of Congress

ABRAHAM
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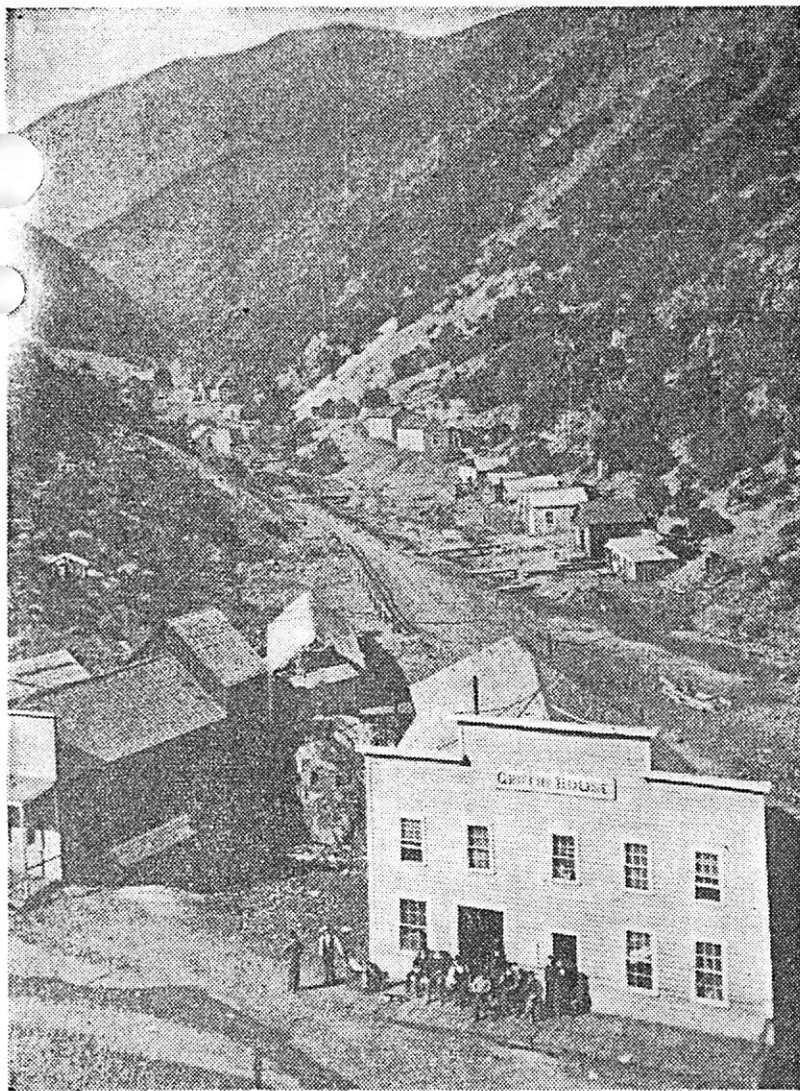
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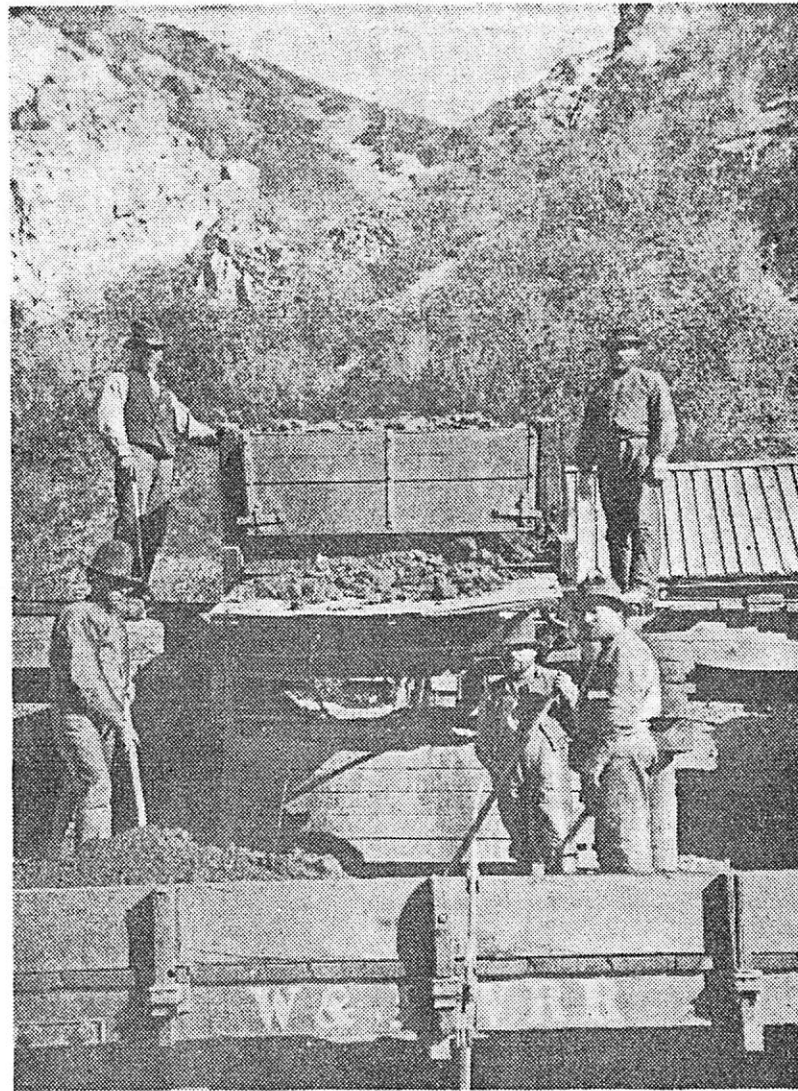
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A. Lincoln

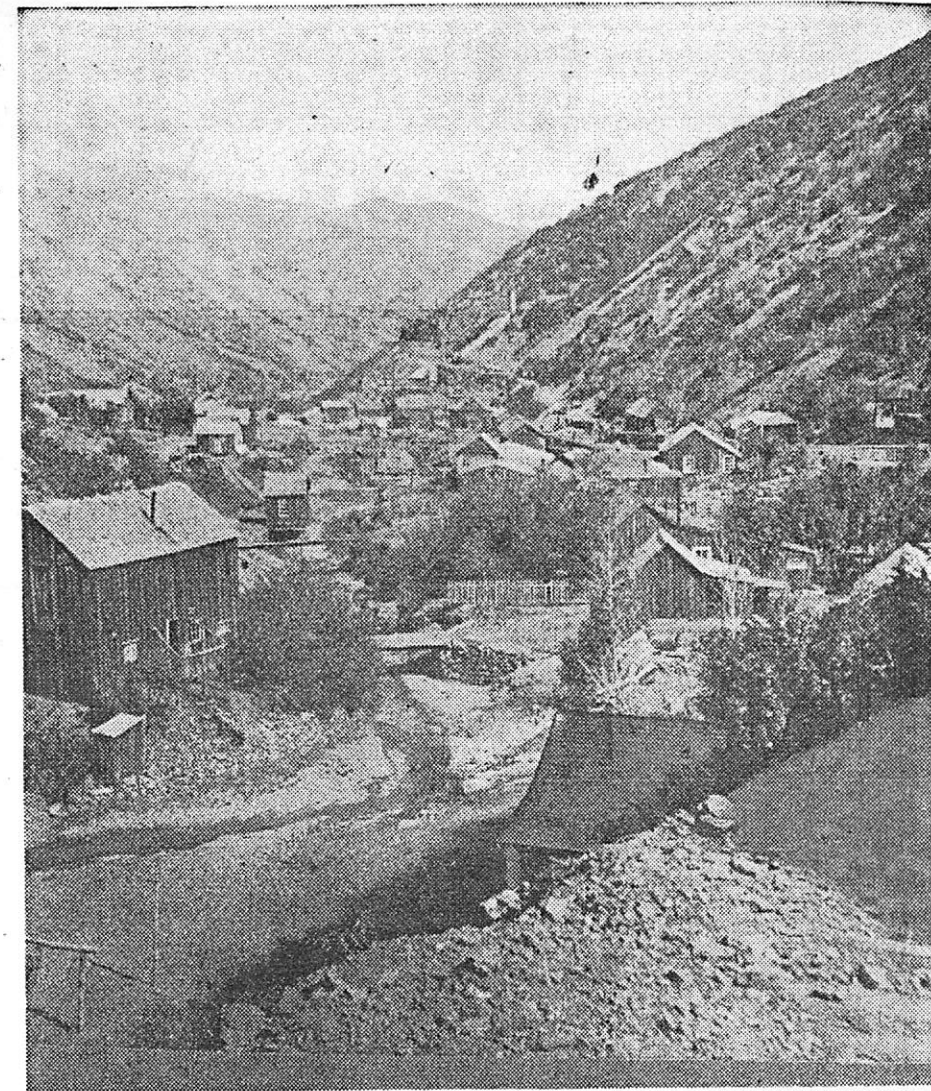
16TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES 1861-1865



The pictures in the panel above are taken from a photograph album compiled by C. W. Carter of Salt Lake to honor glories of Bingham. They were taken before 1900. An explanation with the photographs says, "... it now has



a population of about 3000 and there is considered to be over 5000 mining claims in the district... a claim or tunnel shaft can be found every 20 yards. The principal are the Old Telegraph, Stewart Nos. 1 and 2, the Winnamuck,



Tiewaukie, Highland Boy... whose ores average \$18 to \$200 to the ton ($2/5$ gold and $3/5$ silver). Some of the gold is found in a metallic state. Empty cars are hauled up tramways by mules, and in returning on the down grade,

filled with ore. One man manages two cars, by the aid of powerful brakes, down the steep mountains to the Bingham railroad where by an ingenious contrivance the ore is dumped in flat cars and conveyed to smelters in valley.

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Having known personally and intimately a number of these men over the period of their early activities, the writer is thinking back not so much to restate their achievements which have been recounted through time, but to reveal personalities wherever possible.

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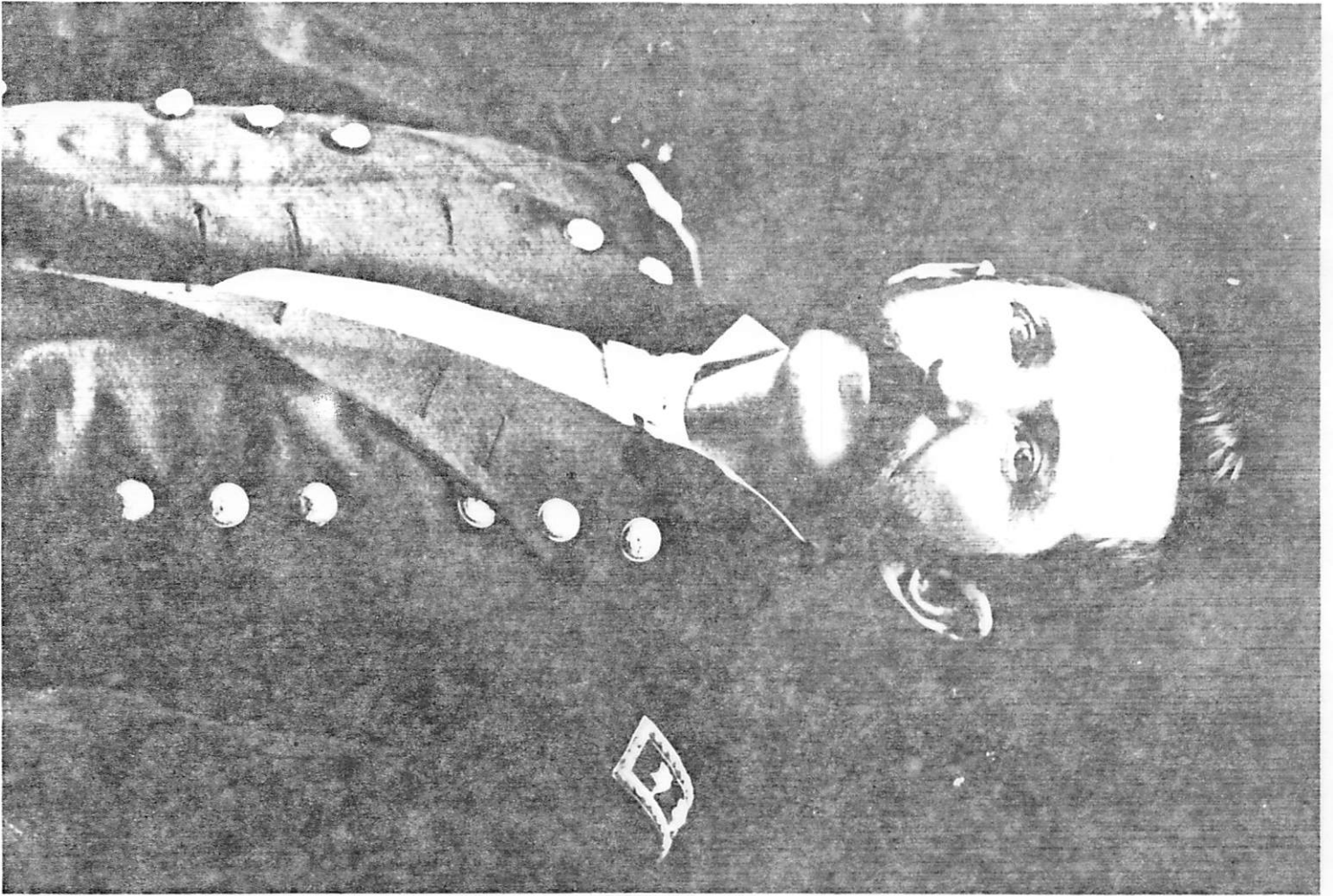
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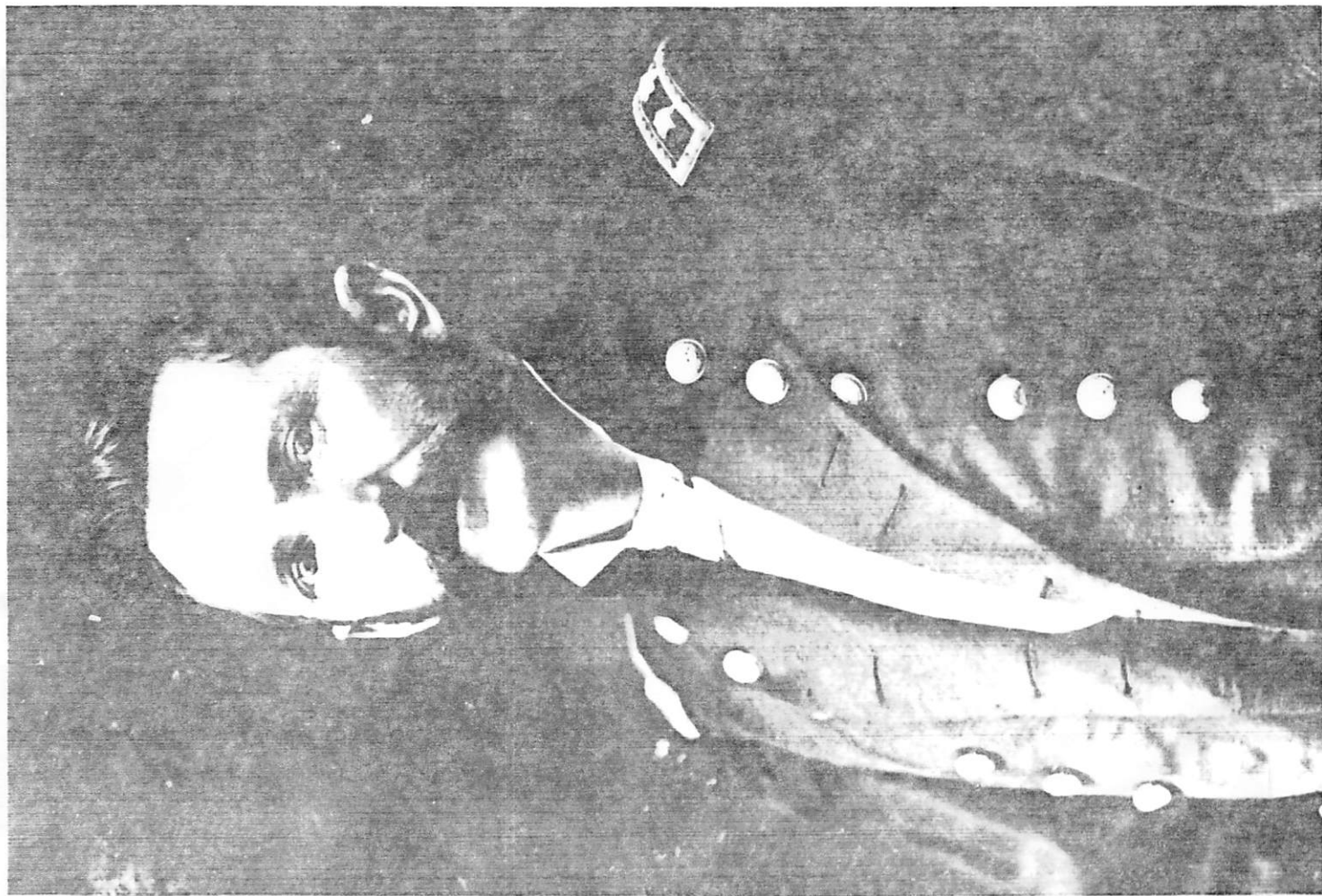
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